

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A composition comprising:

a cosmetic base, and

non-fermented isolated water-soluble proteins, or a water-soluble hydrolysate thereof,
from an algae selected from the group consisting of red, green and brown algae, but
excluding microalgae; wherein said water-soluble extract when applied to skin or hair
produces a superior shine or moistness compared to the application of the cosmetic base
alone

~~a water-soluble extract of algae;~~

~~which is produced by:~~

~~aqueous extraction and proteolytic digestion of an algae;~~

~~and~~

~~recovery of a water-soluble fraction containing algae proteins and peptides~~

~~; wherein said water-soluble extract when applied to skin or hair produces a superior~~
~~shine or moistness compared to the application of the cosmetic base alone;~~

~~wherein said extract has not been fermented;~~

~~and wherein said algae is not *Chlorella*.~~

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 8, wherein said cosmetic base is selected from the group consisting of an aqueous base, a water-in-oil emulsion, an oil-in-water emulsion and an oily base.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 8, wherein said cosmetic base is a face lotion, milky lotion, cream, ointment, shaving mousse, oil pack, shampoo, hair rinse, hair treatment, hair tonic, hair dressing, hair restorer, permanent wave solution, or hair coloring agent.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 8, wherein said cosmetic base is a body soap or bath agent.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 8, wherein the cosmetic base is a disinfecting preparation, a therapeutic preparation, an eye care agent, oral cavity wash, gargle, toothpaste, sanitary article, tissue paper, paper towel or cotton.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The composition of Claim 8, wherein the ~~water-soluble extract of algae~~ isolated water-soluble algae proteins or a water-soluble hydrolysate thereof is prepared using brown algae.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The composition of Claim 8, wherein the ~~water-soluble extract of algae~~ isolated water-soluble algae proteins or a water-soluble hydrolysate thereof is prepared using green algae.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The composition of Claim 8, wherein the ~~water-soluble extract of algae~~ isolated water-soluble algae proteins or a water-soluble hydrolysate thereof is prepared using red algae.

Claim 16 (Cancelled)

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The composition of Claim 8, wherein the ~~water-soluble extract of algae~~ isolated water-soluble algae proteins or a water-soluble hydrolysate thereof is prepared using seaweeds of the genus *Porphyra*.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The composition of Claim 8, wherein the ~~water-soluble extract of algae~~ isolated water-soluble algae proteins or a water-soluble hydrolysate thereof is prepared using wakame.

Claim 19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The composition of Claim 8, wherein said ~~water-soluble extract of algae~~ isolated water-soluble algae proteins or a water-soluble hydrolysate thereof is prepared by:

disrupting, milling or decomposing with a fibrinolytic enzyme intact algae in an aqueous solution to form an algal extract ~~a algal product~~,
digesting said algal ~~product~~ extract with a protease,
removing ~~[[a]]~~ the solid fraction from the digested algal extract and recovering ~~[[an]]~~
a soluble aqueous fraction containing algal proteins or peptides, and
optionally recovering the algal proteins or peptides from the soluble aqueous fraction
~~a solid product from the aqueous fraction~~.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 19, wherein said protease is pepsin.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 19, wherein said protease is pancreatin, papain, Prolaser, Samoase, Sumizyme AP, MP or FP.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 19, wherein said water-soluble algae extract is present in an amount ranging from 0.0005% to 28% w/w.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 19, wherein said water-soluble algae extract is present in an amount ranging from 0.01% to 10% w/w.

Claim 25 (New): A composition comprising:
a cosmetic base, and
fractionated and purified water-soluble algal proteins obtained from proteins extracted from red, green or brown algae, or
their isolated peptide hydrolysates obtained by hydrolyzing said isolated algal proteins to produce an algal peptide hydrolysate.

Claim 26 (New): The composition of claim 25 which contains isolated red, green or brown algal proteins.

Claim 27 (New): The composition of claim 25 which contains isolated algal peptides prepared by hydrolysis of the isolated red, green or brown algal proteins.